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SUBJECT: PROGRAMMING SUGGESTIONS FOR FY-76 IV I.S. KHAMA

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1. OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT HAS APPROVED NOMINATION OF IAN KHAMA.
EMBOFF DISCUSSED PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WITH KHAMA AFTERNOON MARCH
31. KHAMA, WHO IS QUIET YOUNG MAN, IN NO WAY EXPECTS VIP TREATMENT
AND IS DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT OF TRAVEL TO US.

2. KHAMA IS TRAINING OFFICER FOR BOTSWANA POLICE MOBILE UNIT
(PMU), A 400-500 MAN PARA-MILITARY UNIT WHICH IS NEAREST ENTITY
HERE TO AN ARMY. KHAMA, A SANDHURST GRADUATE, IS PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN VISITING WEST POINT AND AIR FORCE ACDEMY TO OBSERVE
OFFICER TRAINING. HE ALSO WISHES TO SEE TRAINING OF NORMAL
ARMY INFANTRY UNIT.

3. KHAMA IS ONLY TRAINED MULTI-ENGINE QUALIFIED BOTSWANA PILOT.
HE WANTS TO VISIT FAA HEADQUARTERS TO DISCUSS AVIATION IN GENERAL
AND TO VISIT AN AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER TO OBSERVE AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROL PROCEDURES. HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO VISIT WICHITA, KANSAS
TO SEE SMALL AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURE AND SEATTLE TO OBSERVE LARGER
COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY.

4. KHAMA EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SEEING GREAT LAKES, GRAND CANYON
AND SAN FRANCISCO. MR. CHARLES FRANKEL, FORMER PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR
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IN BOTSWANA, WOULD BE A GOOD POINT OF CONTACT IN SAN FRANCISCO.

KHAMA ALSO WISHES TO SEE LARGE PROFESSIONAL SPORTING EVENT, PREFERABLY FOOTBALL WHICH UNFORTUNATELY OUT OF SEASON.

5. AS 1976 IS BOTSWANA TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT PROGRAMMING AGENCY INCLUDE A BICENTENNIAL EVENT, PERHAPS TIED TO AVIATION, THE MILITARY OR AFRICA.

6. KHAMA UNCERTAIN OF EXACT AVAILABILITY DATE BUT PROMISED TO CONTACT EMBOFF ASAP WITH APPROXIMATE ETA.

7. ALTERNATE BY SEPTTEL.
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